

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

4 April 1986

NOTE FOR: Vice Chairman, NIC (Fuller)

FROM: DCI

SUBJECT: My 6 April Speech to American
Israel Public Affairs Committee

Graham:

Will you take a look at the attached
speech. I'd like you to beef it up or
round it out where you feel it necessary.
I'd appreciate having it back this
afternoon.

William J. Casey

Attachment: a/s

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TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT NEW DIMENSIONS IN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE BETWEEN THE SOVIET BLOC AND THE FREE DEMOCRACIES. IN ADDITION, I WANT TO LOOK AT HOW WE ARE SEEKING TO ADDRESS THIS DANGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ARENA OF OUR PARTICULAR CONCERN TONIGHT. I DO IT THIS WAY BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE AMERICAN HAVE THUS FAR FAILED TO SEE THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CENTRAL AMERICA, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE RED SEA AND THE PERSIAN GULF, IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

WE ALL KNOW ROUGHLY THE HISTORY OF THE STRATEGIC BALANCE AND HOW ESSENTIAL IT IS TO PROTECT OUR FREE AND OPEN SOCIETIES. FROM THE BEGINNING, THE SOVIETS HAD DOMINANCE IN LAND WARFARE. THIS WAS COUNTERED BY OUR SUPERIORITY IN STRATEGIC FORCES. BY 1980, THE SOVIET STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE FORCES HAD CAUGHT UP AND, IN MANY KEY AREAS, SURPASSED OURS. EVER SINCE 1980, THE UNITED STATES HAS ACTED TO MODERNIZE ITS STRATEGIC FORCES. THE SOVIETS ARE NOW PROTECTING THEIR LAND MISSILE FORCE BY MAKING MUCH OF IT MOBILE, WHEREAS THE U.S. MOBILE ICBM WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED UNTIL WELL INTO THE 1990s.

IN ADDITION TO A MASSIVE BUILDUP OF THEIR OFFENSIVE FORCES, THE SOVIETS HAVE FOR WELL OVER A DECADE CONDUCTED A VIGOROUS MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM. THEY ARE COMPLETING A BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM AROUND MOSCOW. WE HAVE NO COMPARABLE SYSTEM.